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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of Claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in this application.

Claims 1-54 (Cancelled)

Claim 55. (Currently Amended) A process for making a brewed coffee beverage comprising:

- a) brewing a coffee extract in a brewer;
- b) storing the coffee extract in the brewer in contact with coffee grounds for from about 5 minutes to about 48 hours after onset of brewing the extract;
- c) preparing the coffee beverage by filtering a first portion of the coffee extract thereby creating a first filtered extract and a second extract wherein the second extract is left in contact with the coffee grounds and is of a sufficient amount to prepare at least a second coffee beverage;
- d) diluting a portion of said first filtered extract after the coffee extract has been stored in the brewer for from about 5 minutes to about 48 hours; and
- e) dispensing a portion of said first filtered extract after diluting.

Claim 56. (Cancelled)

Claim 57. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract stored in contact with the grounds is sealed from oxygen.

Claim 58. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the portion of coffee extract is diluted with water at a coffee:water ratio of from about 1:1 to about 1:15.

Claim 59. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the portion of coffee extract is diluted about 5 minutes to about 48 hours after filtering but before dispensing.

Claim 60. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 59 wherein the portion of coffee extract is diluted with water at a coffee:water ratio of from about 1:1 to about 1:15.

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Claim 61. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 comprising filtering the portion of coffee extract at least about 15 minutes after onset of brewing the coffee extract.

Claim 62. (Cancelled)

Claim 63. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is stored in the brewer for less than about 24 hours after onset of brewing the coffee extract.

Claim 64. (Cancelled)

Claim 65. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract has brew solids of from about 1.2% to about 10%.

Claim 66 (Cancelled)

Claim 67. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using from about 1100 milliliters to about 4500 milliliters of water.

Claim 68. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract has a water to dry coffee ratio of from about 5:1 to about 24:1, by weight of the water and dry coffee.

Claim 69. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using from about 76.5 grams to about 410 grams of coffee.

Claim 70. (Cancelled)

Claim 71. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee beverage has brew solids of from about 0.35% to about 1.5%.

Claim 72. (Cancelled)

Claim 73. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is stored at less than about 170°F after filtering but prior to dilution.

Claim 74. (Cancelled)

Claim 75. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is stored at a temperature of greater than about 170°F prior to filtering.

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Claim 76. (Cancelled)

Claim 77. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee beverage is dispensed in a serving of from about 200 milliliters to about 500 milliliters.

Claim 78. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using a variety selected from the group consisting of Robusta, Arabica, Columbian, Mexican, Costa Rican, Guatemalan, and combinations thereof.

Claim 79. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using a coffee selected from the group consisting of whole bean, roast and ground, flaked, and combinations thereof.

Claims 80-82. (Cancelled)

Claim 83. (Currently amended) A process of forming a strength customized coffee beverage from a brewer, comprising:

- a) brewing a coffee extract;
- b) allowing at least a part of the coffee extract to remain in contact with a part of the coffee grounds for from about 5 minutes to about 48 hours, wherein the at least part of the coffee extract is of a sufficient amount to prepare a coffee beverage;
- c) storing the coffee extract in the brewer for no more than 48 hours; and
- d) diluting the strength customized coffee beverage from at least a portion of the coffee extract stored in the brewer, wherein dilution of the coffee extract occurs starting from about five minutes after the onset of the brewing of the coffee extract up to about 48 hours after the brewing of the coffee extract ends.

Claim 84. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 83 wherein the coffee extract has a brew solids of less than about 10%.

Claim 85. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 84 wherein the coffee extract has a brew solids of less than about 5%.

Claim 86. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 85 wherein the coffee extract has a brew solids of less than about 4%.

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- Claim 87. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 86 wherein the coffee extract has a brew solids of less than about 3.5%.
- Claim 88. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 83 wherein the coffee extract has a minimum brew solids of greater than about 1.2%.
- Claim 89. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 88 wherein the coffee extract has a minimum brew solids of greater than about 1.5%.
- Claim 90. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 89 wherein the coffee extract has a minimum brew solids of greater than about 2.0%.
- Claim 91. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 83 wherein a weight ratio within the coffee extract of water to dry, roast and ground coffee is from about 5:1 to about 24:1.
- Claim 92. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 91 wherein the weight ratios within the coffee extract of water to dry, roast and ground coffee is from about 8:1 to 13:1.
- Claim 93. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 83 providing an additional step of selecting desired characteristics of the customized coffee beverage.
- Claim 94. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 83, providing an additional step of diluting the coffee extract in accordance with the desired characteristics chosen for the customized coffee beverage.
- Claim 95. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 94 wherein the coffee extract may be diluted with water in a ratio of from about 1:1 to about 1:15.
- Claim 96. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 94 wherein the additional step of diluting the coffee extract occurs starting from about 5 minutes after the brew of the coffee extract up to about 48 hours after the brew of the coffee extract.
- Claim 97. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 93 providing an additional step of mixing the coffee extract in accordance with the desired characteristics chosen for the customized coffee beverage.
- Claim 98. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 97 wherein the step of mixing the coffee extract occurs starting from about 5 minutes after the brew of the coffee extract up to about 48 hours after the brew of the coffee extract.